REGULAR MEETING 7:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY 7:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 3, 2010

This Regular Meeting of Council was called to order on the abovestated date at the above-stated time after the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence by President of Council Regis McLaughlin with the following Members of Council present:

RC-1 PRESENT: DARRYL SEGINA, MICHAEL

CHEREPKO, RICHARD DELLAPENNA,

ALFRED TEDESCO, JR., REGIS McLAUGHLIN, FAWN WALKER

ABSENT: LORETTA DIGGS

Pastor Lawrence Smith of St. John's Lutheran Church led the prayer.

Ms. Williams said Mrs. Diggs is ill and will not be here this evening.

Also present were Mayor James Brewster, City Administrator Dennis Pittman, City Solicitor J. Jason Elash, and members of the Administration.

Mr. McLaughlin said the Mayor has something he would like to do.

Mayor Brewster said before he begins the swearing in ceremony, he wanted to make a comment. He said they have had the good pleasure of having some good men leave them. He said Joe Pero retired as the Chief and as of Friday, Alfred Tedesco retired as Chief. He said he wants to commend them publicly. He said for six years they have helped this City and led them through some difficult times. He said their professionalism and their commitment to the City is well documented. He said they also assisted him in his search for a new Chief and Assistant Chief. He said their opinions of these men weighed heavily on his decision and certainly on Council's decision because he needed their approval to do that. He said he just wanted to let Council know that they have lost two outstanding public servants and he hopes they can keep them involved somehow in the City as they move forward. He said

tonight starts a new era and he was going to say they have two young men, but at least one young man and an elderly gentleman that they are going to swear in tonight. He said they are good friends and for those who are involved in the Task Forces and some who have been around, he wanted to recognize former Chief Duane Senay here tonight. He said Duane can testify as to how difficult the job is and how important the job is. He said they talked many times in the last four or five weeks with Al Tedesco before he left and they talked about issues, outstanding things, violence, public safety, and the many different things involved. He said he feels very confident that B.J. Washowich and Tom Green will provide the leadership the City needs. He said they also promised to continue to tolerate his silliness in the late hours of the evening when he shows up unexpectedly. He said the City has a difficult task ahead of them. He said this was not a prerequisite but he and B.J. talked and are prepared to present a plan to the public at the March meeting with regard to a comprehensive approach to what they consider public safety in McKeesport that would include some of the violence that seems to get all the attention. He said it should not but it does. He said the media can be their best friend, they are often times obligated to report the ugliness and as human beings they tend to dwell on that and find it much easier to talk about some poor soul who is no longer with us as opposed to the 18 or 20 students that may have just graduated with honors. He said that is their nature and the world they live in. He said it is with great pride that he introduces B.J. Washowich and Thomas Green. He asked them to stand up. He said if there is any confusion as to who the young man was and the old man was, they now know. He asked them to repeat after him and to solemnly swear to support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth and to discharge the duties of their office with fidelity. He then introduced Police Chief Brian Washowich and Assistant Chief Thomas Green. He said he would like to have their spouses and families come up so that people can see the family members who are going to have to put up with the stress. He said these are

great families in this town and they are going to bear the burden. He said some of the other officers are in the back and he thanks them for coming. He said he wishes all their families were here because these men and women have a tough job and according to some people, they are hardly ever right. He said these are the official families of Chief Washowich and Assistant Chief Green.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTIO	Seg Org	Dellapenna moved, seconded by Mr. gina, "To approve the minutes for the ganization Meeting of January 4, 2010 and Regular Meeting of January 6, 2010."
RC-2	YEAS:	SEGINA, CHEREPKO, DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO, McLAUGHLIN, WALKER 6
	NAYS:	NONE 0

Mr. McLaughlin said before they start on the Communications, Sister Georgine Scarpino would like to give a three to five minute orientation on why she is here.

Mayor Brewster said before Sister Georgine starts, at January's meeting he passed around the pamphlets. He said this is a continuation of the grandparent discussion. He said he would like to thank the Sister for coming.

CITIZENS IN THE AUDIENCE:

SISTER GEORGINE SCARPINO, RSM, 4144 WINDSOR STREET, McKEESPORT, PA. Sister Georgine Scarpino from Sister of Mercy said she would like to thank Council and the Mayor for the opportunity to speak. She said she is Sister Georgine Scarpino

and many of them may know that the Sisters of Mercy have been in McKeesport for a long time and right now staff the Intersection that has been here for 40 years. She said it came to their attention that one of the things that is increasing in society is grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. She said this is something that needs attention. She said they have started a program at the Intersection where grandparents come together once a month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Fridays. She said there are two parts to the program. She said the first is to let the women have some support from each other so that they are not in isolation with this need. She said the second part is to present speakers for them on topics that they themselves have selected. She said they had their first meeting in January and their second meeting will be scheduled February 12 at the Intersection. She said they have seven grandparents who have signed up for that session and they have room for more. She said she wanted to let them know that this is something they are really dedicated to support in McKeesport and have great partners in this effort. She said Auberle has been most generous and the Ministerium has been supportive. She said SHIP has also helped them with recruitment as well as the McKeesport Hospital Foundation and the Intersection. She said besides these monthly support groups, during the season when school is in session, they also intend to have two respite days for these grandparents. She said they have a place in the country across from St. Xaviers so that they and the children will have an opportunity to just get away for a day and relax because this can become a very stressful situation. She said they have one grandparent who is watching three of her grandchildren and the oldest is two years old. She said that can be very stressful and they want to provide some assistance for her. She said they are also going to provide activities, one which is a summer garden on the Intersection grounds for grandparents and grandchildren so they can learn how to benefit from learning how to garden, a vegetable garden. She said she did not want to take any more time unless they have questions but wanted to thank them for any support that the City provides through the

recruitment of people and grandparents, for this program. She said she would be glad to answer any questions.

- Mr. McLaughlin asked if anyone had any questions for the Sister.
- Mayor Brewster said if they need more pamphlets, they will get back to her.
- Sister Georgine Scarpino said she thinks everyone has one.
- Mr. McLaughlin said thank you Sister.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Received the McKeesport Weed and Seed Initiative Activity Report for the months of December and January.
- Received a Memorandum from Dennis Pittman, RE:
 Reappointment of Board Member. Mr. Pittman is
 recommending that Raymond Malinchak be reappointed to the
 McKeesport Industrial Development Authority.

MOTION: Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco, "To reappoint Raymond Malinchak to the McKeesport Industrial Development Authority."

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	NAYS:	NONE	n

- Received a letter from Mark Depretis, Manager, Government Affairs, Comcast, Keystone Region, RE: Important Notice – New Equipment.
- Received a letter from William Peduto, Member of Council,
 City of Pittsburgh, RE: Statewide Reform.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Brewster said they are going to try and get back into the format where he brings Department Heads to the meeting to give a brief report. He said it probably would not be fair to ask B.J. for one tonight so they will start with Chief Lust.
- Fire Chief Kevin Lust said good evening. He said first he wants to apologize for missing the January meeting and second he would like to congratulate Ms. Walker and Mr. Tedesco on their new positions. He said congratulations also goes out to Mr. Cherepko as well as Vice President of Council and Mr. McLaughlin on his return to the Presidency. He said they ended last year with 1,263 calls. He said they normally have a pamphlet out and into their folders but the computer system with the Firehouse software is down this year and is being repaired. He said he does want to thank the Mayor, Mr. Pittman, and Council for allowing them to go through with the new engine. He said they did purchase a 2009 Seagraves, which has been in service since December 14. He said the whole thing went without a glitch. He said there were 70 calls this year so far in the month of January. He said they ended up last year working a couple of fires up in the Park Street area. He said he would like to congratulate the new Police Chiefs. He said the Mayor made great picks. He said he knows the Mayor called him but he was not able to get back to him in time. He said another thing is that he would also like to congratulate the Detective Department, which was headed by the new Chief at the time. He said they had a small problem in one area and the calls were coming into his office. He said all six fires in the one area were solved by the detectives led by B.J. and the officers who were on duty picked up the kids. He said these were minor garage fires but the kids were quickly picked up by the police and he was just in Court last Monday to prosecute them. He said that is all he has if no one has any questions.

- Public Works Director Nick Shermenti said he really doesn't have much to say. He said Kevin looked at his papers and stole all the jokes.
 - Mr. Pittman asked if Nick would like to comment on that February 2 event.
 - Mr. McLaughlin asked if Nick made extra money for being a comedian.
 - Mr. Shermenti said February 2.
 - Mr. Pittman said groundhog.
 - Mr. Shermenti said oh yes, there is going to be six more weeks of winter.
 - Mr. McLaughlin asked if Nick made extra money for being a comedian.
 - Mayor Brewster said it is not in the budget.
 - Mr. Shermenti said the Mayor would not open the budget up and Council said no. He said there is supposed to be six more weeks of winter but they are not doing too badly. He said the City has 2,200 tons of salt. He said the last two weeks of December and the first two weeks of January were very rough. He said they almost went through 2,200 tons of salt. He said they only ordered 3,000 tons the whole year. He said there is about 800 tons of salt left and they can go over but they have only been allocated and budgeted for 3,000 tons. He said the salt bin is full. He said if they can get past the next weekend with the snow that is supposed to go south, they will be okay. He said that is all they have been doing is plowing and salting and patching potholes. He said he has an update on Marshall Drive. He said the traffic lights are in and waiting to be installed. He said they have to put 5-foot by 10-foot pads of concrete they

have to put in for the ramps. He said he thinks right after the March meeting they will be able to do something like a ribbon cutting. He said he thinks they will be right on schedule. He said that is all he has.

Community Development Director Bethany Bauer said good evening. She said she apologizes for not being here last evening. She said there are two resolutions on the Agenda that are under her purview. She said the first is the Home Consortia Program, which the City does in conjunction with Allegheny County and Penn Hills. She said the City has been doing that for the past 10 years at the recommendation of HUD since Mayor Bendel. She said the McKeesport Housing Corporation has gone through some rigorous hoops to form a CHODO, which is a different status than a non-profit. She said they are the logical choice to manage this program because it involves home improvement and lead inspections as well as building code inspections. She said she wanted to provide Council with that explanation. She said the other item on the Agenda is the Emergency Shelter Grant. She said she does not have a scope of work but believes that First Step to Recovery Homes, Four Petty Street, and WomansPlace will be applying. She said she also distributed an application to the YMCA and they said they are not in a position to participate right now. She said Keith Giles of First Step to Recovery indicated he would be requesting funds to install a new energy efficient furnace and for operating funds. She said she is not sure what WomansPlace will be applying for. She said they still have 2009 money and 2008 resources that they have not completely utilized. She said she honestly does not know if they will get funded this year. She said McKeesport is the conduit for the program because the State requires the City to do so. She said they file for these funds on behalf of these programs. She said the one year and five year plans have been submitted to HUD. She said Council passed the budget for the one-year plan and she would like to thank them for that. She said they are waiting for HUD's

comments on the plan. She asked if there were any questions.

- Ms. Walker said she has a question. She said Resolution #11, where is the money going that was given to MHC, is it going to home improvement or what.
- Ms. Bauer said she believes it goes to . . . at one time they did have a waiting list She said the Housing Corporation has a waiting list and goes through that pecking order. She said the program is household income guideline sensitive. She said they also make sure that the resident's taxes are current on the house as it is for homeowners, not rentals. She said then they do things like roofs, furnaces, removal of lead based paint, siding, concrete work and many other types of code items that need to be addressed as well.
- Ms. Walker said a family may apply for those funds.
- Ms. Bauer said yes. She said the Housing Corporation's phone number is 412-664-7003 and Jim Haughey, the Deputy Director is here tonight. She said they are actually located on the fifth Floor of the Municipal Building on Fifth Avenue.
- Ms. Walker said is that coming out . . . one part of the breakdown here says loans and the other part says administration. She said is that coming out of the loans aspect of this.
- Ms. Bauer said yes, the County provides that breakdown for the City and actually, the County keeps a little more than their share. She said they think they are the big dog in the Consortia however; McKeesport and Penn Hills have taken the position that they are all equal partners.

She said the County is the pass through for the federal funds.

- Ms. Walker said does the administration money go to the MHC and their administrators, because that is a separate entity.
- Ms. Bauer said yes.
- Ms. Walker said so all of the loans aspect goes to home improvement. She said does the family have to live in McKeesport.
- Ms. Bauer said yes. She said there are programs for the other communities and those would go through the County or through the Municipality of Penn Hills. She said the City of Pittsburgh has their own Community Development Block Grant program also so she assumes they do home improvements as well.
- Ms. Walker said thank you.
- Mr. Segina asked Bethany if there are any funds left over from the previous year.
- Ms. Bauer said she does not actually know. She said she thinks Jim would be more qualified to answer that question. She said she would assume that if there is a waiting list, then all resources have either been committed or put out to bid.
- Mr. Segina said how do they get these people to come
 in. He said he never sees any advertising and he is sure
 there would be some people who would be interested in
 that if they knew about it. He said that is why he asked
 if there were any revenues left or a surplus.

- Ms. Bauer said they can certainly do that. She said she doesn't think they have ever in the history of the home improvement loan program, had an issue with not utilizing those resources.
- Mr. Segina said they have advertised though.
- Ms. Bauer said they have not but the demand has been very high.
- Mr. Segina said maybe they have not advertised these last few years but there was advertising at one time. He said if there was a lack of people coming in to use the funds, then he thinks they should advertise.
- Ms. Bauer said he is absolutely right. She said maybe the City needs to notify some of their new residents and neighbors. She said that is a great idea.
- Mr. McLaughlin asked if there is a salary income per household.
- Ms. Bauer said yes, it is based on the federal guidelines and she can get those for him.
- Mr. McLaughlin said she doesn't have to do that, he just wondered if there were some people out there that don't know about the program.
- Mr. Pittman said maybe Mr. Cloonan would want to interview Mr. Haughey and put it on the front page because they have not had enough information dispersed about the program.
- Daily News Reporter, Patrick Cloonan said what did Mr. Pittman say.

- Mr. Pittman said he was thinking Mr. Haughey's program might merit a front-page story.
- Mr. Cloonan said is he talking about the lead program.
- Mr. Pittman said no, the general home improvement program.
- Mr. Cloonan said he actually does have a couple of questions about that and will talk to him after the meeting.
- Mayor Brewster said before he forgets, he needs a motion to reappoint Harry Walsh to the Redevelopment Authority.

MOTION: Mr. Dellapenna moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco, "To reappoint Harry Walsh to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of McKeesport."

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	NAYS:	NONE 0

- Mayor Brewster said sometime before the meeting is over, Council should make an appointment to the Personnel Committee since Dale is no longer on Council.
 - Mayor Brewster said the City is going to partner with the Lions Club to work with them on the free Concerts at the Band Shell. He said they are trying to work out arrangements for them to build a new pavilion somewhere in the proximity of the Band Shell at their expense to commemorate their organization. He said they were the organization who built the Band Shell. He said they want to continue that support. He said there would be no real change; the City will pick the bands and

participants. He said the Lion's Club has agreed to help the City try and get sponsorship so that they don't have to spend as much out of the General Fund. He said that is a good thing. He said they have been fortunate that they have been able to tear down a building about every four or five days. He said they have been able to secure funding from a number of different places. He said they are in the process of going out to bid with the TRCOG for \$100,000 in demolition in the Bailie Avenue area, which is part of the strategic plan he presented to them three years ago. He said he is also planning on using another \$100,000 in demolition funds through the CD program for the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Wards. He said these properties have already been identified for months. He said they are doing a really good job on that and have been very fortunate.

Mayor Brewster said he wanted to make a comment regarding a letter to the Editor from former Mayor McGrew about the City of McKeesport merging with Dravosburg. He said he just wanted to say very emphatically that is absolutely not going to happen. He said it will not happen while he is Mayor. He said everyone knows that he is a proponent of individual communities. He said he spoke on that at Seven Springs. He said he thinks mergers take away from the history of a community. He said he thinks there should always be 130 communities in Allegheny County. He said their history, their dignity, and the people who are responsible for making those communities should always be represented by their own name. He said he does agree in sharing services and the City does sell police services to Dravosburg. He said where some communities may not be able to afford some types of services, McKeesport certainly wants to be there to provide that when and if they want it. He said he can assure everyone that there are no plans and have been

no discussions with any elected officials about merging with Dravosburg or Council would have been first to know. He said that saves him from writing a letter to the Editor.

- Mr. McLaughlin said thanks because that was on his agenda tonight.
- Mayor Brewster said just by way of development and as he said to them last night, when it comes to real estate and personnel issues they are prohibited from talking in public. He said often there are confidentiality clauses by the prospective businesses in their contracts. He said he just wanted to say that as they speak today, they have as many as four different organizations looking at the mill site. He said that is not an accident. He said EchoStar has gotten a lot of publicity as well they should but they have been working on some of these long before that. He said when they come and if they come, they have worked diligently to try and recruit new businesses every day. He said they are not just filling potholes and tearing down homes, they are actually aggressively trying to get new businesses into town. He said as they know more detail, and they could know something tomorrow on one or two of these prospects He said there are other organizations assisting the City, one being RIDC because they own the property. He said he knows where they see PreCoat being torn down, they would be a little naïve not to talk about that. He said there are at least two or three organizations interested in buying that property which is a good thing. He said they should be having a ribbon cutting on the Social Security Building soon. He said they have completed the trail and are working out arrangements for a ribbon cutting with all three of the trail committees. He said as soon as the lights go up they will have a ribbon cutting for Marshall Drive as a new exit with a new traffic light

and prospective new businesses on the adjacent site to Tom Clark. He said the City has looked at the Penn McKee Hotel for possible re-use. He said there is not a lot that he can tell them but he knows it has been a topic of discussion whether they should tear it down or find someone who is willing to invest in it and bring it back to its historical status as a Hotel and other things that may pop out of someone's mind as they put together a plan. He said there are a lot of good things going on. He said Wayne Washowich is here tonight as School Board President. He said they met with a group and Rege went with him to talk about marketing the School District, the five communities and the school. He said he thought it went real well. He said as he explained to the School District, they have their own marketing strategy. He said he has initiated it over the past 18 months and they may merge that with what the School District wants to do. He said he thinks it is in the City's best interest to participate in that. He said that is a perfect segway into the discussion about schools. He said there are various opinions about how many schools they need and where they should put them. He said the fact of the matter is, unless it changes, it looks like they are going to get two new schools in McKeesport. He said he thinks that is a sign of a healthy community. He said the locations in his opinion could not be better planned. He said they are working with the Superintendent on the Palkowitz property as they speak.

 Mayor Brewster said that since there are a number of different opinions and rumors circulating about this Marcellus Shale, he did want to make a statement for the media. He said he is in the process now of drafting a proposal to Representatives Kortz and Gergely and Senator Logan for revenue sharing with regard to Marcellus Shale. He said he served on County Executive Onorato's Air Quality Task force with Katherine Clayber

and she has been appointed Director of a group who will be heading up and initiating progress with regard to the Marcellus Shale gas. He said as he digs into this, and right now with technology what it is today, he thinks they can almost equate this to a gold rush. He said Pennsylvania happens to be the richest vein of Marcellus Shale gas and it runs right through the heart of Pennsylvania. He said he thinks they need to capitalize on it. He said they have missed opportunities as a state to put together legislation that would give over 2,200 communities in Pennsylvania the opportunity to capitalize on gaming money. He said rather than criticize the state, the fact is that they used that money to fill holes in their budget and earmark it for education and other very important things. He said he wants to stress that the Marcellus Shale gas revenue is extensive and is not earmarked, it is not taxpayer dollars, and it is new money. He said he is proposing that a percentage of that money be distributed yearly to every community in the Commonwealth, unrestricted for their budget following the same format as the RAD money. He said McKeesport gets approximately \$900,000 a year on the 1% sales tax. He said it is his opinion that if smaller communities particularly in distressed areas do not get new revenue streams that those communities will have a difficult time surviving the next decade. He said this is an opportunity of a lifetime. He said it is not complicated. He said but if they don't put it to paper ... and it is his intention to contact the Pennsylvania League of Cities of which he is Chairman, as well as Allegheny County League of Municipalities and ask them to lobby for this. He said there are three things that have to happen: 1) the industry has to see the value in the revenue that has already been documented, 2) the State will have to tax it and there is no doubt in his mind they will. He said the question is what will they do with the

tax revenue once they get it. He said he is hoping they can get enough interest in Harrisburg that someone will see the merit that is in this. He said every community that is in Act 47 right now would be tremendously helped by this and would be a bloodline for the continuation of those communities. He said it will not be easy. He said one of the things that they sometimes fail to see is that not every community will view it the way McKeesport does. He said there will be communities that will oppose the drilling for Marcellus Shale. He said there are environmental issues that they hope to overcome. He said there will be a group that will challenge them. He said there are communities that will not see the merit nor will they have an interest in revenue sharing because they don't have the same problems that McKeesport does. He said as they sit here in Western Pennsylvania, they have a whole state to convince. He said he believes that since it is new money and as far as he can tell it has not been earmarked for anything other than the State's budget, and with a \$3 billion shortfall, he can see why they would be interested in it. He said he believes 85% of the richest vein falls on State land. He said this is an opportunity of a lifetime and he hopes that Council would support him when the document is prepared. He said he will copy all of them. He said he thinks they need to lobby it as much as they can. He said as Darryl mentioned last night, when they are at the League of Municipalities meeting, they need to be outspoken and find other lobbyists that will assist them. He said this is an important piece of legislation because the revenue stream as Ray has pointed out is stagnant. He said they are attracting new businesses weekly but with a 5 square mile city with no housing stock, it is difficult to recruit young people to buy homes. He said they are doing it, just not doing it fast enough. He said how do they sustain what they have and provide the

services they do. He said the rest seems to be common sense. He said he will get that document to them as quickly as he can.

- Mayor Brewster said he received a phone call a couple of hours ago that the Police have ratified their contract. He said that means that Mr. Elash, Mr. Pittman, and he have successfully renegotiated five new contracts. He said they have not gotten an official notice but he did get a phone call. He said he wanted to thank Jason and Dennis for their effort. He said they need to keep motivated employees. He said he thinks it was a fair contract and hopes Council will approve it when it is presented to Council.
- Mayor Brewster said there is a pancake breakfast on February 20 at the YWCA. He said Dennis is cooking.
 - Mr. Malinchak asked the Mayor if he could bring them up to date on the four police cars.
 - Mayor Brewster said because of the stimulus money, they were able to purchase four new Crown Victorias and a command vehicle. He said they are all in and all paid.
 - Mr. Pittman said not the Tahoe, it is still getting a light bar and those items.
 - Mr. Malinchak said they received the check though, is that correct.
 - Mr. Pittman said not for the Tahoe yet, only for the Crown Victorias.
 - Ms. Bauer said they have not even invoiced the County for the Tahoe, they just received the bill about a week and a half ago for the Tahoe.

- Mr. Segina said what is the Tahoe for.
- Mayor Brewster said it is a command vehicle. He said that is stimulus money so it is not out of the City budget at all. He said they are excited about that. He said they are ready to go and completely outfitted. He said Chief Washowich and he are debating when to put them into service.
- Mr. Malinchak said there are five vehicles now, four police vehicles and one commander. He said he thought they got the check for the four and the only thing that is outstanding is the command vehicle.
- Mr. Pittman said correct.
- Mr. Malinchak said are they going to replace four cars and scrap them or are they going to rotate them in.
- Mayor Brewster said this is his plan and B.J. is not here so he doesn't want to start dictating to B.J. without him here to defend himself. He said the managers are quick to defend themselves. He said it is his opinion that they want to try ... he gets a little concerned when he sees these vehicles get beat up. He said they are in the business where sometimes the guy they are chasing doesn't really care how bad the car gets beat up. He said they would like to rotate these cars. He said they are going to take a look at taking a couple out of circulation that cuts down on the insurance liability. He said he would like to keep at least one of the new ones out of service and every thirty days, take one off the street and put the one that was sitting in the garage back on the street and rotate them. He said what people fail to realize is that these cars are on the road 24/7. He said when the daylight

shift stops, the 4:00 to 12:00 shift gets in the same car and that car runs 24 hours every day seven days a week. He said when they are sitting somewhere, the motor is running. He said a lot of people don't grasp that real well. He said it is his opinion that they should try and keep these cars, so they can take them out of circulation, detail them, change the oil, change the tires, polish them and get them all cleaned up, then let them sit there and take a break for a moment. He said that is their plan. He said he and B.J. are going to go over that entire police vehicle stock and pretty much do what Ray said. He said the command vehicle was put together by Chief Pero and has very specific equipment in it much like the Fire Chief Command car.

- Mr. Shermenti said on the maintenance on all the vehicles, they are averaging about 22,000 to 24,000 miles per vehicle every quarter. He said that is how many miles are being put on these vehicles.
- Mayor Brewster said 22,000 miles every three months. He said after they put together their plan, when people come and ask them to beef up the patrols, they are beefed up as much as they can be. He said they can't run these cars any more than they already are doing it. He said they are going to look at that closer. He said Ray may participate in that if he would like to check the inventory. He said if they recall, when he took office they were paying insurance on vehicles they did not even have.
- Mr. McLaughlin said he saw the car sitting up on the lot at Tri-Star today.

- Mayor Brewster said this brings something else to mind. He said the ladder truck was paid for through CD money and the yearly payment was \$80,000. He said the payments on the new personally designed truck are running about \$60,000 rather than \$80,000. He said he has committed to use the other \$20,000 to purchase a river rescue boat. He said he believes with the Marina and being on two rivers that they have to have a first class piece of equipment. He said because of Council's support, they have been able to do that with almost everything. He said he has Dennis working on some financing to see if they can finance a river rescue boat for the next seven years or so that will give them ... they don't want to be in a position that they don't have the equipment to do something they need to do quickly on the Mon or the Yough. He said that is also in the works.
- Mr. Malinchak said on the other comments the Mayor was making on the Marcellus Shale, he thinks it might be prudent if they can ask one of their state elected officials to come to one of their meetings before they go up to Seven Springs. He said it is not that simple because the question he has when the Mayor mentions it is what is happening today with the vertical wells that have been there a long time. He said what is happening with the wells in the northeast, the coal seams, and the anthracite. He said there are other revenue sources that maybe they should be aware of. He said why all of the sudden is it only Marcellus Shale and it is not coal bed methane, the vertical wells, the stripper wells, the anthracite or the bituminous. He said he doesn't know the answer to that.

- Mayor Brewster said the quick answer is that technology has just recently been developed to do the fracturing to reach the Marcellus Shale gas. He said they could never reach it before because a surface well might be at 4,000 or 5,000 feet but the Marcellus Shale is at 8,000 feet. He said he could literally drill in the parking lot and reach something two miles away, 8,000 feet down, today, that there was no technology to do before. He said it takes water pressure to do that. He said the overall plan as Ray knows, they have two different companies who have come in and are serious about doing something. He said when they get to the point where they sign documents, Council is going to have to approve it. He said his plan is to utilize the Sewage Plant to take well water, which is mandated by the DEP to generate new revenue. He said they have already started doing that with the help of Rege at the Sewage Authority.
- Mr. McLaughlin said LuEthel also.
- Mayor Brewster said yes, he is sorry, LuEthel is also on the Board and Nick. He said there are all kinds of good people are there. He said the second thing is to see if there are opportunities for the City to drill without any impact to the community invisible. He said it would be new money to defer raising taxes. He said the third thing is the revenue sharing. He said for communities that don't have sewage plants and can't make any revenue on well water but they could share on the revenue sharing side. He said McKeesport is in a position that would help the next two decades if they can actually access the gas and physically drill. He said the problem at hand, just so the public knows, is that whoever gets there first is going to win this thing.

He said they cannot be at the end of the game. He said if someone else across the street, the valley or across the county gets in this, sooner or later, the gas companies are going to say they have enough potential sites where they need to drill and say they don't need any more. He said the acreage and amount of money being paid per acre was up around \$3,500 or \$4,000. He said that is just upfront money and now it is down to \$1,500. He said they need to act quickly. He said where they are right now is they are going with a couple of companies that Ray sat in meetings with. He said when these companies come back with real live proposals with contracts, this Council will have to approve them. He said some of the property that the City acquired and is where they want to put one of those schools, it is his opinion that they are going to end up getting the best of all worlds. He said they can potentially drill for gas, build a new school and it was always his hope that they could merge the adjacent property and make it part of Renzie Park. He said Renzie Park is 205 acres and he wanted to expand that and add that 15 or 20 acres to the Park and putting a walking trail through it. He said they literally could have a new school, an extended park and a revenue generating facility in the same spot that would be completely transparent to anyone.

• Mr. Malinchak said he understands that and worked with Dr. Schumacher back in 1980 when he first developed horizontal drilling. He said they did it in New Mexico. He said he is totally familiar with the technology. He said the point he wants to make is if there is a potential revenue source from the Marcellus Shale gas, why are they leaving the revenue source from vertical wells, coal, stripper wells, anthracite and bituminous on the table. He said if they had someone here from the State, one of the elected officials, maybe it is just an amendment to something that is already out there to get them where they want to be.

- Mayor Brewster said what Ray is saying is that as they go down, there may be other sources of revenue that they may want to tap into. He said he agrees. He said they are going to let the technical people figure that out. He said they can have surface wells that generate revenue but not as much, and Marcellus Shale wells right next to each other. He said they have the best of both worlds right now. He said they are going to look at that aggressively. He said he knows what Ray is talking about and will bring up those issues.
- Mr. Malinchak said they are looking at new law being made, but maybe there is a law out there that all they have to do is amend and they ride on it.
- Mayor Brewster said it is something he is excited about and he is done.

Mr. McLaughlin said before he starts the Council Reports there is an opening on the Personnel Committee. He said he would like to recommend Mike Cherepko to take Mr. McCall's place. He asked for a motion to do that.

MOTION: Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr. Dellapenna, "To appoint Michael Cherepko to the Personnel Committee."

RC-5	YEAS:	SEGINA, DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO,	
		McLAUGHLIN, WALKER	5

NAYS:	NONE	C
ΔΒςΤΔΙΝ:	CHEREPKO	1

Mr. Segina said is Mr. Elash going to ask Mr. Cherepko why he is abstaining.

Mr. Elash asked Mr. Cherepko to state for the record why he is abstaining.

Mr. Cherepko said he was being voted on into a position.

Mr. McLaughlin said that was a good answer.

Mr. Segina said it has to be on the record; that is what Mr. Elash told him when he abstained.

Mr. Elash said he thinks that might have been self-explanatory.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Ms. Walker said she first wants to apologize for missing the last meeting. She said she would like to thank the Mayor and Council because her daughter was sick and hospitalized and is doing a lot better now. She said she would like to thank everyone for understanding that. She said she looks forward to working with everyone. She said she does have some ideas and suggestions that she would like to go over. She said one of the things she talked about when she ran for Council was the violence in the community. She said she has been to a lot of funerals over the last year for family members and classmates and she believes the issue is a community issue and affects everyone as a whole. She said she wants to do some things to work on making sure that the children that they still have in the City stay off the streets and stay out of some of these activities that they get themselves into. She said she has been doing some research and some studies on the community and police working together and

the beneficial assets that it would bring to the community. She said she wanted to talk and bring this to the Council's attention. She said she is not doing it as a formal thing but just as an informal kind of discussion. She said she would like to create some kind of committee or Crisis Commission or Committee where they have people from the community working together with the police. She said her father is an officer and they do a lot of talking. She said one of the things he says is that a lot of people don't want to speak up when it comes to witnesses and to solving some of these crimes. She said she thinks that an aspect of that is that they need to get the community and police working together to solve some of these issues. She said maybe they can create a Crisis Committee that is on hand so as soon as they get the calls for some of these murders or shootings that take, the Crisis Committee can come on along with the police. She said there is a level of sensitivity and empathy that goes into play when you are coming on first hand to a murder or shooting scene. She said if they could create some type of committee where the community and police are coming together in this aspect and work together on these issues. She said the issue to her is personal and very severe and something has to be done about it and it has to be addressed. She said she is not saying that they are not doing anything about it at all, she wants to make that very clear that that is not what she is saying. She said this is just another idea to try and get the community and police to work together. She said to continue on with that, she looked at the Weed and Seed Report that was given to them in their packet and wanted to know if possible if she could request an audit report from the Weed and Seed. She said she wants to know why the money is not going into some of these communities. She said when she means going into the communities, she means after-school programs, mentoring programs, or transportation for the kids to get to some of the places they might want to go.

- Mr. McLaughlin said excuse me. He said when the Weed and Seed was put into place, there were only certain areas in the City that the money had to be spent. He said that was brought in from Harrisburg.
- Ms. Walker said does he know the specific areas because she is familiar with the program and she knows that it is for at-risk youth.
- Ms. Bauer said that falls also under Community Development. She said Rege is right, sections of Wards were designated for the program. She said the Mayor tried to expand that when they reapplied four years in and the State would not allow them to do that. She said however, the State PCCD restricts what the resources can and cannot go for. She said for example they were just awarded \$80,000 for the Weed and Seed Program retroactive to July 1 but they are only allowed to use those resources on salary and benefits for the police officer and Sherry Ward who administers the program for them. She said the rules are made by the State. She said she can provide Ms. Walker with a full audit. She said it has been on her desk forever so they can go as far back as she would like.
- Ms. Walker said she would like to know the specific wards that it is supposed to actually go to because she wants to get at the kids who are actually picking up the guns or the drugs. She said she wants to get at the kids who are actually doing the things. She said why not use some of that money to do mentoring after school. She said she knows they have after-school programs but she would like to see programs specifically targeted to atrisk youth. She said she knows that is within the Weed and Seed platform. She said she knows that much and those are at-risk youth. She said why is the money being used specifically for that purpose.

- Mayor Brewster said Fawn may want to talk to Sherry. He said they are doing an awful lot. He said he hears what she is saying but that ground has been covered before. He said in fact he has a crisis committee and he can talk to her about that and she is welcome to be on it. He said the problem they have with Weed and Seed right now is that they are cutting the funding. He said he doesn't want to say too much but he is wondering how long the program is going to last with the State.
- Ms. Walker said she definitely hears what he is saying but while they have it here at this time, why can they not do these specific things that she is saying. She said she is not saying it is only a year
- Mayor Brewster said there is no money to be used anywhere this year.
- Ms. Bauer said the money is only for salary and benefits.
- Ms. Walker said but if it's in her salary to work, then why can't she do within her salary some type of mentoring program. She said if she is paid for that, then that is still within her salary.
- Ms. Bauer said her job description which is also provided to the City by the State, is to go to meetings, to pass out Halloween bags at Centennial School, she had worked with Officer Poo, with Joe Lopretto and the DARE program, goes to International Village and distributes things there. She said it is not under her scope to do a mentoring program herself.
- Mayor Brewster said why don't they set up a meeting with Sherry Ward and Fawn. He said she can throw out her ideas and see what is available and if there is any flexibility to do them.

- Ms. Walker said that would be great. She said she appreciates the chance.
- Mayor Brewster asked if she knew Sherry Ward.
- Ms. Walker said no, she does not.
- Mayor Brewster said let's start there and then they can get into some detail regarding it. He said if there is any flexibility, they will certainly do something.
- Ms. Walker said she would hope that there would be some flexibility because it helps and she appreciates it. She said however, the youth that are actually doing these things are the ones she is trying to get at.
- Mr. McLaughlin said maybe they could have Sherry come to the next meeting and set up so that they could sit down and talk.
- Mr. Malinchak asked Bethany if their expenditures and revenues not captured in the general audit.
- Ms. Bauer said she believes they are under the General Audit.
- Mr. Malinchak said wouldn't that be a source to look into the audit. He said he realizes that she has a lot more detail but first, all her programs have been audited as long as he has been there.
- Ms. Bauer said the audits are here. She said yes, but the City's fiscal year runs different from the CD budget.
- Mr. Malinchak said she explained that to him once before.
- Mayor Brewster said they will get that information for Ms. Walker.

- Ms. Walker said the Mayor already has a Crisis
 Committee in place. She said then she should probably
 talk to him about that, because she wants to switch it up
 a little bit. She said if he already has it in place but they
 need to use it in a different manner.
- Mayor Brewster said what he uses it for, and not to get into a lot of detail but if there is a shooting, whether it is a homicide or not, he tries to get mentors to go out to the family. He said he tries to get mentors to go to the homes of the kids that may have seen it but don't want to talk. He said he uses the Ministerium for some of that as well as Reverend Coleman and Laura Jenkins. He said they are on the same page. He said they can talk and he will make sure she becomes part of that. He said she may have some other people who might be willing to do that. He said it is hard to get people who want to get involved. He said if they can get more people, it will help. He said they will talk about it.
- Ms. Walker said she has one more thing. She said the Mayor mentioned the demolition program. She said can he give her a time line for the demolition as far as Bailie Avenue.
- Mayor Brewster said he wishes he could but he can't. He said the TRCOG money, and he doesn't want to embarrass himself but the last time he had a conversation with them, they have their schedule and he has his schedule. He said the City has an aggressive demolition program and they are moving at warp speed. He said they depend on other agencies to give them the money and unfortunately, they control the rules. He said they will not let him change a house. He said if he puts 15 houses down and one of those houses gets blown away by the wind, they want to know where it went. He said it is that restricted. He said there is very

little flexibility. He said if he were to give her a general time line, he would say that they might be able to award the next two bids within the next three months. He said then it just depends upon the speed with which the contractor can move and they are pretty good, they are doing a house about every four days. He said he feels pretty good about that. He said he can let her know as he gets more detail on it.

- Ms. Walker said did they specify in what wards the money can be used or do they just let the City decide.
- Mayor Brewster said they determine how much and it is also a real complicated system. He said first of all someone like him has to go and do a whole lot of schmoozing to get the money. He said the City doesn't have any money to do anything. He said neither does anyone else. He said he has to do that. He said once he convinces someone that it is worthwhile doing, then he has to go through the bureaucratic process. He said the TRCOG process was long because it involved other communities so other communities had to do the same thing McKeesport did. He said some of them don't move quite as quickly as they do. He said before they have all those numbers from different communities, then they go out to bid. He said the CD money is the City's money, and they have a little more control over. He said this \$100,000 is stimulus money and not part of their regular CD money so it will not be available next year. He said they have a little more control over that money. He said they have to go through a public hearing in this room. He said if that house is the worst looking house in town and no taxes have been paid and no one has been around that building for 50 years, they still have to send documents out to the last known owner. He said believe it or not, if they have a hearing and there are 40 houses, four or five people come out of nowhere wondering why

they are tearing their house down. He said then there has to be another meeting that they can't tell the public about because there are a lot of bad things said. He said the fact of the matter is that they have to go through a process. He said once they go through that process, they have to find the money. He said once they find the money, then they have to go out to bid and once that happens they have to wait for the contractor to go through his or her time frame to get them done. He said it is not a fast process.

- Ms. Bauer said there is also an environmental clearance.
- Mayor Brewster said if it happens to be a historical house in a historical zone, they cannot use CD money to tear that down. He said they have to find private money to tear it down. He said where he saw her at church the other day is an area up there where they can't tear the houses down even if it looks bad. He said if the Historical Association in Harrisburg says they can't tear it down, it will just sit there. He said he will go over that with her.
- Ms. Walker said it is a long process then.
- Mayor Brewster said it is long but where they are now, because they had three different sources of money, the money they had from Mr. Scaife allowed more freedom so they could move more quickly. He said depending on where they got their money from determines the complexity of getting things done and takes things out of their control. He said they have it strategized now that they can do perpetual demolition for a while. He said that is good. He said they have actually made a lot of progress and he feels very good about where they are right now. He said what he did was earmarked every house from Cornell down Bailie to Evans. He said that is

on one proposal. He said he thinks there are fourteen houses. He said they have committed to do that so as soon as they bid it and the contract gets started, they will be going down that road and those houses will be gone. He said he has been trying to use the other \$100,000 to hit some of the ones down by the Salvation Army and a couple right on Walnut Street are still remaining. He said as they come down Walnut, she can actually see the ones they have picked. He said there are some up on Beaver. He said most are in the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Wards.

- Mr. McLaughlin said talking about the historic one, if you take a ride down to the 600 block of Market Street and look at the old Eagles Building. He said that is under the historic association and see what it is like. He said they have been fighting that for years. He said that will give her some perspective.
- Mr. Dellapenna had nothing to report.
- Mr. Segina said he would like to thank the Mayor for going after the additional revenues for the City that he has been preaching about for a while. He said he knows the mayor will do a good job and make sure that if there is any money to be had, that McKeesport will get their fair share. He said he only hopes that if the Marcellus Shale comes through there is a home fee attached to that so that if it is located within the City of McKeesport, they would have extra dibs on it since the trucks will be passing through to get to that Marcellus Shale or whatever expenses come with it. He said also while the Mayor is working on extra revenues not to forget the video poker machine revenue.
 - Mayor Brewster said unfortunately, there is an example where for whatever reason the hands grabbed it ... he said if you snooze, you lose.

- Mr. Segina said keep it in the back of his mind.
- Mayor Brewster said he will but Darryl brought up a good point. He said there are a couple of things they are working on and this came up with the school. He said when they sit in these meetings they don't think about just one thing. He said if anyone has been to any meetings with him, they get a little creative. He said he hesitates to say this publicly but what he is trying to do, because their taxpayers are in the school district too. He said he told these companies that would like to get revenue to heat their new school. He said they told him that comes right off their bottom line. He said it is the City's money and if they drill there, they can certainly access that school and heat it. He said what that does is helps the School District. He said whatever a heating bill would cost for the school he doesn't know. He said in addition to that, one of the other vendors they are talking to, they talked about the ability to convert their vehicles to natural gas. He said Darryl is familiar with this. He said they are trying to parlay this and really change the culture with the resources they have. He said they really have to think outside the box. He said they can't just sit there, drill the gas, and take the money. He said they are trying to parlay this resource into every possibility they can think of and be creative. He said they think they have done that. He said he thinks they have raised some eyebrows. He said these people come in and in some cases they think they are talking to people that don't know any better. He said he likes to think he is smarter than that. He said they invited Ray and he knows that they grilled these guys pretty good. He said going into a meeting with them is not fun for people. He said they like to think they are pretty smart people. He said imagine if they could just do the vehicles and there are over 85 vehicles. He said if they are paying \$3 or \$4 a gallon for gas, can convert

some of the vehicles to natural gas, then they can pull into a depot and use natural gas that they own.

- Mr. Segina said the tanks are made at CPI.
- Mayor Brewster said there are so many possibilities and he is hesitant to say too much because he doesn't want to get people's hopes up not knowing where this will end. He said Darryl and Ray brought this up and he just wanted to discuss it. He said they are not leaving anything on the table.
- Mr. Segina said that was only page one.
- Mr. McLaughlin said turn it over and go to the second page.
- Mr. Segina said he was reading the Daily News today and there was the article that said 10 years ago, the Renzie Seniors got shut out of their headquarters in Renzie Park by the former Mayor. He said there were about 15 or 20 guys. He said it was on February 3 and he will never forget the posting on the door saying the place was closed now. He said they had nowhere to go. He said he decided to run for Council after being fired by that Mayor so he could make his life miserable like he has done to the Mayor here. He said he thinks he has done a good job. He said the Mayor ran with him for Council at that particular time along with Dale McCall and he asked him for support in reopening that after the Mayor closed it. He said they ran and they won and passed a resolution. He said he thanks Council for helping them to reopen that. He said today it is such a success story with close to 400 members out there and a place for everyone to socialize. He said they have a handful of events that anyone can join out there. He said anyone can share in the events they have. He said they have some nice picnics, a Christmas party and

birthday parties. He said there are a lot of things to keep people active. He said the reason he is telling this whole story is because recently a fellow who was a member passed away. He said he is not going to mention his name because he would not have wanted that. He said to his surprise, the man felt so strongly about the Renzie Senior Center he left them money in his will. He said it was not a large amount of money but the fact that he thought about them because it gave him a place to go where he could have a second home. He said when that man walked out of his door, he knew he could go somewhere and meet people, have a cup of coffee, watch TV and enjoy the company of others. He said that meant so much to him that he put them in his will. He said they are going to have a little celebration out there in memory of him, recognize him, and thank him for doing that. He said that just shows the impact that the Renzie Senior Center and the City, who gets a lot of credit and especially the Mayor. He said the Mayor got them into that concession stand and Senator Logan got them about \$40,000 to refurbish the entire inside of it and it is beautiful right now. He said it is really a place for people to congregate. He said anyone who is 55 years or older can join and can see him. He said the dues are \$15.00. He thanked the City for all that they have done.

- Mr. Cherepko had nothing to report.
- Mr. Tedesco had nothing to report.
- Mr. McLaughlin said regarding the video poker machines, that was on the Governor's agenda and why he took it off, he doesn't know. He said the State was going to take all the videos over. He said he doesn't know what is happening with the video poker machines right now. He said the McKeesport Municipal Authority took over the lines from the City in

January 2009. He said there was about a 27% delinquency in payments. He said the plant has taken that down to 5.2% in one year. He said as of January 25 of this year they will start posting more delinquents on doors and sending out registered letters. He said in two weeks they have posted 400 homes that are delinquent. He said that is just the beginning. He said a lot of these bills go back about 10 or 15 years.

- Mr. Segina said will the City get a kickback.
- Mayor Brewster said the problem the City has so they are not boring anyone, they had an antiquated system in the City. He said it was not working. He said once the second notice went out, there was very little if any effort made to collect it. He said he just felt ... and Rege, Council, and the Sewage Board agreed, that if you have a sewage plant, then you should let the sewage plant handle sewage. He said what is the plant going to do if the City owns the lines and is doing the billing. He said that does not work. He said the Sewage Plant is the expert, they have a new system, and they have done a very admirable job. He said unfortunately they are fighting the economy, which is no one's fault, and he is sure the plant is being sensitive to that. He said Rege is right, there were people who were beating the system. He said they fixed that and it will not go on any more. He said he wants to say that they still provide it, that if they have a problem, they can make a payment plan. He said there is nobody being disadvantaged. He said if someone lost their job and really want to pay their bill, the sewage company will work with them. He said that has not changed.
- Mr. McLaughlin said he was going to say that too. He said also at the last Municipal Authority meeting, the engineer pulled out blueprints and they are going to begin expanding the plant shortly. He said they have

the money in escrow to do that. He said bring in the Marcellus Shale. He said that is all he has.

TABLED BILLS:

BILL #160: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICERS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE MANSFIELD BRIDGE.

Bill #160 remained on the Table.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #2010-8 - BILL #11: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE FY-2009, HOME CONSORTIA GRANT AMOUNT OF \$312,615.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM PROGRAM AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR FY-2009 IN THE ABOVE AMOUNT.

MOTION: Mr. Dellapenna moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco, "To adopt Bill #11."

<u>RESOLUTION #2010-9 – BILL #12:</u> A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO TRANSFER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY'S PENSION FUNDS FROM ITS CURRENT

ADMINISTRATOR HUNTINGTON TRUST (FORMERLY SKY BANK) TO HEFREN-TILLOTSON, INC.

Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Dellapenna, "To adopt Bill #12."

COMMENTS:

- Mr. Segina said does the fact that Hefren-Tillotson will be managing the pension fund trust now give the City any edge as far as stabilizing their program better and perhaps even getting some income for their pension liability.
- Mayor Brewster said all of the above. He said Dennis worked on this with Ray, Jason and him on this. He said with the economy crashing like it did it drew more attention to their plan because they were better off than most. He said everyone took a hit. He said the fees that they pay are an issue. He said Ray and Dennis grilled them on that. He said it was really all of the things that Darryl is talking about. He said they had a lot of good people come in and there were a lot of good firms. He said they were probably a little stagnant and making this change strengthens their position. He said it is all potential. He said they are rolling the dice and hoping that this will strengthen the plan and bolster it in every way, not just from one or two perspectives. He said it is really everything that is better. He said actually the union stewards participated in some cases so this was a collective effort.
- Mr. Segina said he feels it was an excellent choice and just wondered ... he was just trying to be optimistic that they hopefully they can get some help.

- Mr. Malinchak said actually as the Mayor said, it is more than what the Mayor was saying because one of the issues was who was the trustee. He said they offer a lot more of a menu on who can be trustees. He said the other thing too as Dennis mentioned the other evening, they are integrating this with the ADP. He said another concern is to make it so that no one misses a pension check. He said there were a lot of things that went into this discussion. He said the Mayor is only really hitting the tip of the iceberg. He said they are conservative. He said it is the same old story, there is the risk and the reward. He said if you want to take the high risk, then you make the big rewards. He said people thought they made money with Mr. Madoff and where are they.
- Mr. Pittman said he would like to add and he apologizes to the retirees because they may have glossed over this, one of the issues that was tantamount in any selection was that the service to the retirees had to be maintained at that high level. He said last year they only had one complaint about a check getting to the retiree on time. He said they addressed that and made it very clear to whoever got the work that they had to make sure that those 178 retirees got all the services they needed including any questions they might have regarding taxability. He said this firm assured them that they would do that.

RESOLUTION #2010-10 - BILL #13: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE FILIN GOF A PROPOSAL FOR FUNDS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Mr. Cherepko moved, seconded by Mr. Segina, "To adopt Bill #13."

RC-8	YEAS:	SEGINA, CHEREPKO, DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO, McLAUGHLIN, WALKER
	NAYS:	NONE 0
<u>AMEND</u>	THE AGE	NDA:
<u>MOTIOI</u>		Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco, amend the Agenda to include Bill #14."
RC-9	YEAS:	SEGINA, CHEREPKO, DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO, McLAUGHLIN, WALKER
	NAYS:	NONE 0
CITY OF PENNS LYSLE EREDEVE	F McKEES YLVANIA, BOULEVAI ELOPMEN	0-4 - BILL #14: AN ORDINANCE OF THE PORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF THE RD PARKING GARAGE TO THE TAUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT ADAPTIVE REUSE OF THE PROPERTY.
<u>MOTIOI</u>		Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Cherepko, adopt Bill #14."
RC-10	YEAS:	SEGINA, CHEREPKO, DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO, McLAUGHLIN, WALKER
	NAYS:	NONE 0

CONTROLLER'S REPORT:

Mr. Malinchak said he would like to recommend the approval of bills in the amount of \$139,355.84.

MOTION: Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco, "To approve payment of the bills in the

amount of \$139,355.84."

RC-11 YEAS: SEGINA, CHEREPKO, DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO,

McLAUGHLIN, WALKER 6

ADJOURNMENT:

President of Council Regis McLaughlin adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Williams
City Clerk and Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

Regis T. McLaughlin President of Council

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